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SUBJECT: NATIONAL ASSEMBLY SPECIAL SESSION QUESTIONS

ROKG ON AUGUST 15 INCIDENT

1. THREE OF NATIONAL ASSEMBLY'S STANDING COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN IN SPECIAL SESSION INTERROGATING ROKG CABINET MINISTERS ON AUGUST 15 ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON PRESIDENT PARK. WHILE FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND JUDICIARY COMMITTEES HAVE COMPLETED THEIR WORK, HOME COMMITTEE HAS BEEN STALLED BY ABSENCE OF NDP REPRESENTATIVES FOR THREE DAYS. WHEN NDP REQUEST THAT ROK CIA DIRECTOR BE PRESENT WAS NOT HONORED, NDP BOYCOTTED COMMITTEE MEETING AND RULING DRP PARTY MEMBERS HELD SESSION AUGUST 28 WITHOUT THEM.

2. DURING THEIR SESSIONS FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE MEMBERS ASKED FONMIN KIM DONG JO IF ROKG WAS READY TO TAKE ACTION THAT COULD RESULT IN SEVERING TIES WITH JAPAN IF LATTER DID NOT CONDUCT THOROUGH AND ACCEPTABLE PROBE OF AUGUST 15 INCIDENT. FONMIN REPLIED "EMPHATICALLY," ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, THAT THERE SHOULD BE NO RIFT BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES OVER INCIDENT BUT HE WAS PREPARED TO

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HANDLE QUESTION WITH "GRAVE DETERMINATION" IF JAPAN

SHOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN A POSTURE UNACCEPTABLE TO KOREA. HE INDICATED ROKG WAS ENGAGED IN DIPLOMATIC NEGOTIATION WITH JAPANESE OVER KOREAN CONCERN WITH ACTIVITIES OF CHOSEN SOREN.

3. MINISTER OF JUSTICE LEE BONG-SUNG IN LEGISLATIVE JUDICIARY SESSION INFORMED GROUP THAT ASSASSINATION ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF PRESIDENT PARK HAS BEEN SYSTEMATICALLY PLANNED FOR LONG TIME BY CHOSEN SOREN, THAT LATTER ORGANIZATION'S KIM HO-RYONG, THE YUKIO YOSHIIS, AND ONE UNIDENTIFIED NORTH KOREAN HAD BEEN FOUND TO BE IMPLICATED IN PLOT BUT NO ACCOMPLICES HAVE YET BEEN FOUND IN KOREA ITSELF.

4. NEW MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS PAK KYONG-WON IN HOME AFFAIRS COMMITTEE NOTED THAT NATIONAL POLICE WILL EXERT ALL-OUT EFFORT TO IMPROVE THE SECURITY SYSTEM FOR PROTECTION OF GOVERNMENT LEADERS.
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